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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 September 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

2. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fisher et al (U. S. Patent 6,911,254 B2) in view of Kondo (U. S. Patent 6,579,608 B1), Fukatani et al (U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2006/0110593 A1) and Heithoff et al (U. S. Patent 5,792,559).

Fisher et al disclose a multilayer interlayer comprising polyvinyl butyral layer containing heat ray shielding particles sandwiched between encapsulation layers. The encapsulation layers can be dyed or pigmented (Abstract, col. 4, lines 25-35, and col. 5, lines 24-32). Fisher et al disclose a glass laminate made with the interlayer (Examples). Fisher et al fail to disclose addition of ultraviolet absorbing layer.

Kondo discloses a multilayer interlayer comprising a layer containing ultraviolet ray absorbing agent.

Fukatani et al disclose a multi-layer inter layer comprising: UV shielding layer/heat shielding layer/UV shielding layer. Both, the UV shielding and the heat shielding layers comprises plasticized polyvinyl butyral resin (i.e. plasticized polyvinyl acetal resin) (Table 3, Examples 1-18). Fukatani et al disclose that UV shielding layer protects heat shielding layer from discoloration (Paragraphs 0009-0015). Fukatani et al also disclose a glass laminate made with the multi-layer interlayer (Paragraphs 0096-0099).

Heithoff et al disclose a composite glass laminate transparency comprising a multi-layer interlayer comprising different tinted PVB layers wherein each successive tinted layer having an increasing amount of colorant to provide a color which compliments that of the glass substrate (Col. 7, line 54 to col. 12, line 62).

Therefore it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of this invention made to utilize disclosure of Kondo, Fukatani et al and Heithoff et al in the invention of Fisher et al to add ultraviolet ray absorbing agent to one of the encapsulating layer to protect interior upholstery of automobile from ultraviolet light and use pigmented layer between heat shielding layer and UV shielding layer having a color complementary to the color tone of the heat ray shielding layer.

No claims are allowed.

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-7 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to D. S. NAKARANI whose telephone number is (571) 272-1512. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, RENA DYE can be reached on (571) 272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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